

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

HARDWARE BASED SECURITY GROUPS, FIREWALL
LOAD SHARING, AND FIREWALL REDUNDANCY

A secure telecommunications system. The system includes a network on which traffic travels. The system includes a switch connected to the network. The system includes a first inspection engine connected to the switch, which receives traffic from the switch, processes the traffic to determine whether it is desired traffic or undesired traffic, which prevents undesired traffic from passing through it and which sends desired traffic back to the switch. The system includes a second inspection engine connected to the switch, which receives traffic from the switch, processes the traffic to determine whether it is desired traffic or undesired traffic, which prevents undesired traffic from passing through it and which sends desired traffic back to the switch. The system includes a first destination connected to the switch which receives desired traffic from the switch that has been processed by the first inspection engine. The system includes a second destination connected to the switch which receives desired traffic from the switch that has been processed by the second inspection engine. A method for sending traffic over a secure telecommunications system.

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